

REMARKS

The present reply is supplemental to the amendment and reply filed April 22, 2009.

Declarations

As noted on page 6 of the reply filed April 22, 2009, Applicant's Representatives have been in contact with the inventors for the current application about executing declarations and have previously submitted a declaration from Marc Messely (Industrial Property Manager of NV Bekaert S.A.), a representative of the assignee, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with the reply of April 22, 2009.

Enclosed with this supplemental reply is a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 executed by Ronny Losfeld, one of the co-inventors for this application. Applicant's Representatives have not been able to produce a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 from Lieven Anaf, the other co-inventor, at this time.

Applicant respectfully submits that the declaration executed by Marc Messely (Industrial Property Manager of NV Bekaert S.A.), as a representative of the assignee, should be accepted because it is not possible to produce a declaration by Lieven Anaf at this time. See MPEP § 715.04, Part I(D). It is respectfully requested that the Office consider and accept the declarations of Ronny Losfeld and Marc Messely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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